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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
OFFICE OF THE THEATER SURGEON

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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 11

MUSEUM AND MEDICAL ARTS DETACHMENTS

1. Currently available for assignment to medical installations in this theater are two Museum and Medical Arts Detachments. These units are equipped with complete facilities for the making of still and motion pictures, either in color or black and white, and include the services of a medical artist especially trained in illustrating medical department activities.

2. It is the desire of the Theater Surgeon that the services of these detachments be used for the purpose of photographing matters of unusual clinical interest or of historical value pertaining to the Medical Department in this theater. Specifically desired are pictures of the following:

- a. Clinical stages of diseases peculiar to this theater.
- b. New or unusual medical treatments or operative procedures.
- c. Unusual gross and microscopic pathological specimens.
- d. Unusual or distinctive vectors of diseases.
- e. Medical care being administered to troops engaged in jungle warfare or under other unusual combat conditions, including early battle casualties.

3. It is not the purpose of these detachments to photograph standard or well known Medical Department activities nor any procedure which may be photographed in the zone of the interior. Pictures of standard Medical Department installations or facilities are not desired.

4. Commanding officers of medical installations or units having material of the type listed in paragraph 2, may address a communication direct to the Chief Surgeon, USASOS, AFPO 707, describing photographic requirements and the approximate time needed to complete the project. Headquarters, USASOS, will issue orders when the installation is under USASOS and will request appropriate orders of Headquarters, USAFFE, if the unit is a part of another major command.

5. All photographs and negatives made by the Detachments are returned to the Army Medical Museum, Washington, D.C. for classification and dissemination to all interested personnel of the Medical Department. Complete case histories furnished by the medical officers requesting services will accompany all reports and materials sent to the Army Medical Museum.

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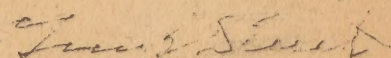
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a. Distribution of prints in this Theater will be made on the following basis:

- (1) One copy of each case photographed will accompany the monthly report of the Detachment to the Theater Surgeon.
- (2) One copy will be given to the medical officer directly interested in the case.
- (3) One copy will be retained in the Detachment files.
- (4) All negatives and motion picture films will be sent to the Army Medical Museum at the end of each thirty (30) day period.

b. Additional copies of all photographic material may be requisitioned through technical channels from the Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C.


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